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Art Unit	1762
Examiner Name	Jennifer Kolb Michener
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**This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 CFR 1.114 of the above-identified application.**  
Request for Continued Examination (RCE) practice under 37 CFR 1.114 does not apply to any utility or plant application filed prior to June 8, 1995, or to any design application. See Instruction Sheet for RCEs (not to be submitted to the USPTO) on page 2.

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i. ☐ Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Rely Brief previously filed on \_\_\_\_\_

ii. ☐ Other \_\_\_\_\_

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i. ☒ Amendment/Reply

iii. ☐ Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)

ii. ☐ Affidavit(s)/ Declaration(s)

iv. ☐ Other \_\_\_\_\_

## 2. Miscellaneous

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b. ☐ Other \_\_\_\_\_

## 3. Fees

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i. ☒ RCE fee required under 37 CFR 1.17(e)

ii. ☒ Extension of time fee (37 CFR 1.136 and 1.17)

iii. ☐ Other \_\_\_\_\_

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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Application of:

ARMIN RETTIG ET AL.

Serial No.: 10/018,896

Filed: December 14, 2001

For: METHOD FOR REFINISHING  
DEFECTS IN STOVED ENAMELS  
WITH POWDER COATING

Art Unit: 1762

Examiner: Jennifer Kolb Michener

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**AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO THE FINAL  
OFFICE ACTION MAILED JUNE 7, 2004 AND  
REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION UNDER 37 CFR 1.114**

Sir:

Applicants respond herein to the Final Office Action mailed June 7, 2004, please amend the above-referenced application as set forth below and consider the following remarks. A Request for Continued Examination under 37 CFR 1.114, a Petition for an Extension of Time under 37 CFR 1.136(a), and the requisite fee for a two month extension of time accompany this response.

**Amendments to the Claims** (if made) are reflected in the listing of claims that begin on page 2 of this Response.

**Remarks/Arguments** to the Final Office Action mailed June 7, 2004 begin on page 6 of this Response.